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To: Interested applicants and guardians

The following information is provided to aid you in applying for a position as a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) enrollee. Please keep in mind that this material is meant to be for information only, and outlines the program so that you and your parents/guardians may familiarize yourselves with it. **IT IS NOT AN ACTUAL JOB OFFER**

The objectives of the YCC program are:

1. To accomplish needed conservation work on public lands.
2. To provide gainful employment for 15- to 18-year old males and females of all social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds.
3. To develop an understanding and appreciation for our nation's natural environment and heritage in participating youth.

The program is for young men and women throughout the USDA National Forest and is a non-residential program. Participants will live at home and commute daily to and from their homes to their assigned Ranger District office (either the McKenzie River District @ McKenzie Bridge or the Middle Fork District @ Westfir or Sweet Home District @ Sweet Home). The Forest Service will transport enrollees between the Ranger District offices and the various work sites.

This program is designed to assist Forest Service employees in campground maintenance, hiking trail rehabilitation, Wildlife Habitat Enhancements, Noxious Weed Removal and general forest rehabilitation/improvement projects.

The current year's program begins June 20, 2016 and ends August 12, 2016. Enrollees will be paid bi-weekly at the minimum-wage rate of \$9.25 per hour. Federal and state taxes are applied. Youth leaders who are returnees will be paid \$10.64 per hour and were asked to re-apply for these youth leader positions. McKenzie River RD intends to hire up to 15 youth for 8 weeks. Middle Fork RD may be hiring up to 20 youth for up to 8 weeks.

Those selected for the program will be required to attend a program orientation, date depends on district. This orientation is designed to familiarize individuals with rules and regulations of both the YCC program and the Forest Service itself. During the orientation enrollees will have the opportunity to meet Forest Service staff involved with the program, and will get to know the other enrollees.

All selected individuals will be expected to follow rules and regulations that apply to all Federal employees.



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If you're interested in this program please fill out and return the enclosed forms:

- a. Youth Conservation Corps Application (FS 1800-18)
- b. District Enrollment form
- c. Parental consent form
- d. YCC Code of Conduct

Mail all completed forms to:

YCC Program, Middle Fork R.D.  
Attn: Stacy Snyder  
46375 Highway 58,  
Westfir, OR 97492

**OR** YCC Program, McKenzie River R.D.  
Attn: Kathryn Price  
57600 McKenzie Hwy,  
McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413

Please be sure all forms are complete and signed by you and your parent/guardian. Failure to complete your forms may cause your application to be denied. Verification of your age and citizenship (including a picture identification card) will be required on the first day of work. If you discover that you are unable to participate in this summer's program after you've applied, please notify us as soon as possible. For question contact Stacy Snyder or Kevin Rowell at (541-782-2283) at Middle Fork RD: or Penny Harris (541 822-7265) or Kathryn Price (541-822-3381) at McKenzie River RD. Contact Stephanie Gatchell (541-367-3962) at Sweet Home Ranger District in March.

**McKenzie River RD applications will be accepted through close of business (4:30pm) February 26, 2016. Middle Fork RD applications will be accepted through close of business (4:30pm) February 12, 2016. Sweet Home RD may be accepting applications in April. Applications that are mailed must be postmarked on or before the deadline date; any application received after the deadline will not be considered for selection.**

Enrollees are selected using a lottery process during an evening open house that will be scheduled in March 7<sup>th</sup> for Middle Fork Ranger District. McKenzie River Ranger District will select using a random lottery and selectees will be notified by phone or email by mid-March. Applicants will receive written notification of lottery results within a week of the event. No personal interviews are required.

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The YCC program, while physically challenging, is also very rewarding. It offers an opportunity for those selected individuals to learn about their natural environment and what the Forest Service does to protect and enhance our area. The program will also provide a chance to develop new friendships and have a fun-tastic summer to remember!

Kevin Rowell  
YCC Coordinator  
Middle Fork RD

Penny Harris  
YCC Coordinator  
McKenzie River RD

Enclosures